

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 10/28/77

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On October 18, 1977, Special Agent [REDACTED] received from [REDACTED] Bomb Squad, Seattle, Washington, Police Department, a communique which was signed "Love and Struggle, The George Jackson Brigade". The communique was an original typewritten letter and contained an original rolled thumb print in the lower right hand corner. Below the thumb print was typed the message "JOHN W. SHERMAN's right thumbprint". The letter was addressed to the Automotive Machinists Union, Local 289, 2701 First, Seattle, Washington. Furthermore, it was noted on the communique that copies of the communique had been sent to (1) BBC Dodge, (2) JOHN REED, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Seattle, (3) King County Automobile Dealers Association and (4) KOMO TV News.

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[REDACTED] advised that he received the communique from a representative of the Automobile Machinists Union, Local 289, 2701 First, Seattle, Washington, on October 18, 1977. The communique had been delivered in an envelope marked "special delivery" and was postmarked October 17, 1977, at Seattle, Washington. Also contained in the envelope was a copy of another typewritten George Jackson Brigade communique entitled "BUST THE BOSSES, George Jackson Brigade Communique" and signed, "Love and Struggle, The George Jackson Brigade, October 12, 1977".

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Special Agent [REDACTED] received this communique at the office of the General Assignments Unit, Seattle Police Department. While at that office, [REDACTED] Identification Technician, Seattle Police Department, examined the rolled thumb print on the communique and compared it with known fingerprints of JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN. [REDACTED] advised that the thumb print was identical to the known right thumb print of SHERMAN.

Copies of the communiques are attached.

Interviewed on 10/18/77 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 174-1319

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by SA [REDACTED] /jcb Date dictated 10/24/77

October 16, 1977

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The envelope contained a typewritten copy of a communique dated October 16, 1977, and signed "Love and Struggle, The George Jackson Brigade".

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Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 91-4769  
FBI FILE NO. 91-60165  
LATENT CASE NO. B-25280

February 21, 1978

TO: SAC, Seattle

RE: JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, AKA - FUGITIVE  
FUBANK #662;  
THERESE ANN COUPEZ, AKA - FUGITIVE;  
ET AL.;  
BR, [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Airtel 1/24/78  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Seattle  
SPECIMENS: Photocopy of communique, Q17  
Letter, Q20  
Five photocopies of Q20, designated Q21, Q24, Q27,  
Q30 and Q33  
Six envelopes, Q18, Q19, Q23, Q26, Q29 and Q32  
Photocopy of communique, Q22  
Four photocopies of Q22, designated Q25, Q28, Q31 and Q34  
Typewriter ball, Q35

The listed Q specimens are further described  
in a separate Laboratory report.

The specimens were examined and seven finger-  
prints of value are present on Q20, Q21, Q24, Q27, Q30  
and Q33 and eighteen latent fingerprints, one of which

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4 - Seattle (91-5198) (1 - 91-5251)  
(1 - 91-5264)  
(1 - 174-1319)

Acting Assistant Director, Identification Division

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SAC, Seattle

February 21, 1978

was made by the side and lower joint area of a finger, and four latent palm prints of value were developed on Q17, Q19, Q23, Q26, Q28, Q29 and Q32.

Based on available information, no record was located in the Identification Division files for Therese Ann Coupez.

67C- A fingerprint present on a typewritten letter dated October 16, 1977, addressed to "Automotive Machinists Union Local 289 2701 1st Seattle, Wa.," beginning "Friends: We were responsible..." and designated Q20, and six fingerprints present on five copies of Q20, designated Q21, Q24, Q27, Q30 and Q33 have been identified as impressions of the right thumb of John William Sherman, [REDACTED]

67C- The remaining prints in this submission are not identical with the fingerprints and palm prints of Sherman or Rita Darlene Brown [REDACTED]

The specimens are being returned under separate cover with one item in Bufile #91-68138 and two items in Bufile #91-67389, which were resubmitted for a laboratory examination only.

The following newspaper article is from the Seattle Times, Seattle, Washington, dated October 18, 1977, (page A 3).

## *Bomb Probe Stepped Up*

Authorities are intensifying their investigation of vandalism at area car dealerships in the wake of pipe bombings that damaged five new cars in Burien over the past weekend.

About \$2,250 damage was reported at B.B.C. Dodge, 14650-1st Ave. S.

Saturday at 11:15 p.m., when bombs exploded on the hoods of two Dodge Aspens and the trunk of other Aspen. Shrapnel damaged two other cars parked nearby in a dimly lit corner of a storage lot, according to county police.

A Seattle Police spokesman said that there has been an ongoing problem of vandalism at struck King County car dealerships and police

have "increased their involvement in investigation of the problem, which has heated up in the past several weeks."

B.B.C. Dodge is a non-union shop that has not been picketed during the five-month strike by Local 289 of the Auto Mechanics Union.

There was no warning prior to the incident which has been denounced by union officials here.



The following newspaper article is from the October 19, 1977 issue of the Seattle Times, Seattle, Washington (page D 7).

## Fugitive's thumbprint on letter, says F.B.I.

by JOHN ARTHUR WILSON

Based on a fingerprint on a letter, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today they believe the revolutionary George Jackson Brigade may be responsible for recent bombings at local auto dealers.

Ray Mathis, F.B.I. spokesman, said the bureau received a letter yesterday claiming responsibility for the bombings, which had the right thumbprint of John W. Sherman, fugitive brigade member.

Mathis said the letter, which appears to be authentic, described the bombs "in great detail."

The letter said the brigade placed bombs at auto dealerships "in support of" the five-month-old strike of Auto Machinists Local 289.

It was also sent to KOMO television, the King County Auto Dealers Association, and B.B.C.

Dodge, where a bombing took place Saturday night.

B.B.C. Dodge was the third auto dealer hit in the recent rash of bombings. An explosive device went off at S.L. Savidge Dodge downtown in the early morning of October 13. An unexploded bomb was found at Westlund Buick-Opel-G.M.C. in North Seattle October 7.

Two years ago, the brigade claimed responsibility for bombing a City Light power substation in support of striking utility employees. That bombing caused more than \$200,000 damage and knocked power out in the Laurelhurst area.

The brigade, a small terrorist band with its roots in the prison movement, has claimed responsibility for several bombings and bank robberies in the Northwest since 1975.

# Brigade Linked To Bombings

By Martin Works

The Seattle office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday received a letter — believed to be authentic — in which the fugitive George Jackson Brigade claimed responsibility for three recent bombing incidents at local auto dealerships.

The spokesman said investigators found the right thumbprint of John W. Sherman on the letter. He has been identified with the brigade for the past two years.

The letter describes the explosive devices used in the three incidents "in great detail," the spokesman said.

The document states that the brigade placed explosive devices at three auto dealerships here because it is "in support of" the five-month-old strike by Auto Machinists Local 289.

It claims the Jackson Brigade sent the letter so that the owners of the dealerships involved in the bombing incidents would know the striking mechanics were not responsible.

It had been rumored that the brigade was responsible for the bomb incidents, but law enforcement agencies had not believed the reports.

The one-page, typed letter arrived in the morning mail at the FBI office. It bore a Seattle postmark, the spokesman said.

Copies were sent to the auto machinists, BBC Dodge, the King County Auto Dealers Association, and KOMO television, the spokesman said.

An official of Local 289 said the union was "aware" of the letter but would make no comment on it.

"We're not making any comments at this point," said the official, who did not want his name used. He added: "We have been in touch with our attorneys and they told us not to make any comments on it."

The latest bombing incident occurred late Saturday night at the BBC Dodge dealership in Burien, and caused damage estimated by the county police at \$2,500.

In an earlier incident explosives caused damage to vehicles at the S. L. Savidge agency in downtown Seattle.

Two weeks ago an unexploded bomb was found at the Westlund Buick-Opel-GMC dealership in North Seattle.

Meanwhile yesterday, Bellevue police discovered what they said was at least \$5,000 in slashed tires at the Foothills Ford dealership in Eastgate.

Police said 80 or more tires on new cars, vans, and pickup trucks were punctured with an "ice pick-like device."

The following newspaper article is from the October 19, 1977 issue of the Seattle-Post Intelligencer, Seattle, Washington (page A-1).

The damage was discovered at 2:45 a.m. by police, a spokesman said. A police dog found a track at the scene but lost it a short distance away, apparently where the person who left the track got into a vehicle, police said.

There have been many incidents of property damage at Seattle-area auto dealerships since the mechanics went on strike, but yesterday's incident seemed to be the largest yet.

Sherman, 35, has been sought by federal and local law enforcement officers since his bloody escape from Harborview Medical Center March 10, 1976.

County police officer Virgil Johnson was shot in the abdomen and critically wounded in that incident. Sherman at the time was being held in connection with a holdup and gun battle at a bank in Tukwila in January of 1976. That robbery was committed by Jackson Brigade members.

It has been about a month since the brigade was held responsible for striking a bank in Skyway, robbing a teller and getting cleanly away. And it has been almost two-and-a-half years since the group emerged out of the remnants of the left-dominated prison reform movements, saying it would steal from the rich ("the capitalist class") and give to the poor ("the masses.")

"They are here, there and everywhere," Seattle FBI head John Reed told United Press International. "They are like Patty Hearst, with a few friends to help them out, probably living in a community where they blend in."

"They could have a place way out in the boon-docks," Bellevue Police Chief Donald Van Blaricom says. "They might have a mile-long driveway with a hundred yapping dogs, or they could be that lovely couple who just moved in next door."

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (174-1319) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE  
BOMBING OF B.B.C. DODGE COMPANY,  
14650 - 1st AVENUE SOUTH,  
BURIEN, WASHINGTON  
OCTOBER 15, 1977  
EID (A)  
OO: Seattle

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Enclosed herewith are the following listed items of evidence from captioned bombing matter;

- (1) Plastic bag containing top portion of one gallon glass jug with 3/4" black electrical tape, red wire and 2" silver ducting tape attached to the glass.
- (2) Westclox travel alarm clock w/red case and strands of red and white electrical wire attached to the clock body and face.
- (3) One galvanized end cap.
- (4) Piece of galvanized pipe.
- (5) Piece of burned cheesecloth and residue.
- (6) Westclox travel alarm clock w/red wires attached to clock body and a nine volt battery.
- (7) Piece of silver ducting tape and residue.
- (8) Piece of galvanized pipe.
- (9) Plastic vile containing residue.
- (10) One 16 oz. YUrban brand coffee can containing broken glass, burned cheesecloth and residue.
- (11) Piece of silver ducting tape and residue.
- (12) Plastic bag containing top portion of one gallon glass jug. Silver ducting tape is wrapped around the lid.
- (13) Galvanized end cap.
- (14) 48 oz. S & W brand coffee can containing pieces of broken glass, burned cheesecloth and residue.
- (15) Piece of galvanized end cap.
- (16) Westclox travel alarm clock w/ red wires attached to the clock body and a 9 volt Eveready Alkaline battery.
- (17) Paper bag containing piece of one gallon jug with wires attached.
- (18) Piece of galvanized pipe.
- (19) Galvanized end cap.

3 - Bureau (Encl. 19)

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No Evid. Rec'd in ECC  
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SE 174-1319

b7c { Suspects in this matter are RITA DARLENE BROWN,  
[REDACTED] JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, aka FUBANK #662,  
and THERESE ANN COUPEZ (no known FBI or other  
criminal record).

LATENT AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION REQUESTED

1. Where feasible process all evidence for latent fingerprints.
2. Compare any developed latent prints with known fingerprints of aforementioned suspects BROWN and SHERMAN.
3. Process and examine all submitted evidence and where possible determine manufacturer.

Return evidence to Seattle upon completion of examination.

For the information of the laboratory, the following is a synopsis of captioned bombing:

During the evening hours of October 15, 1977, unknown subjects detonated the enclosed IED at captioned auto dealership causing approximately \$3000 worth of damage to ten motor vehicles. There were three IEDs which were combination incendiary/pipe bombs described as one gallon jugs filled with a flammable liquid (possibly gasoline and acid) with galvanized pipes taped to the jugs. Wiring for the pipe bombs included Westclox travel alarm clocks and Eveready 9 volt Alkaline batteries. Black electrical and silver ducting tape were utilized. Two devices had been placed on the hood of a vehicle while the third device was placed on a vehicle trunk lid. A small fire was ignited following the explosion, however, most of the damage was done by pipe fragmentation.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Mignosa  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - UAF

5-17-78

To: SAC, Seattle

From: Director, FBI (174-7843)

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE;  
FID  
(OO: Seattle)

A review of George Jackson Brigade (GJB) Explosives and Incendiary Devices (EID) cases at FBI Headquarters reflects that although John William Sherman, Therese Ann Coupeze, and Janine Darcy Bertram were arrested by Bureau Agents on March 21, 1978, no information has yet been received at FBI Headquarters [REDACTED]

Additionally, Seattle LHM dated April 19, 1978, furnished via Airtel same date and captioned "George Jackson Brigade; DS;" OO: Seattle, reflects that on March 23, 1978, the Federal Grand Jury, Seattle, Washington, returned an indictment charging Sherman, Coupeze, and Bertram with Bank Robbery, Possession of Unregistered Explosive Devices and Illegal Firearms Devices. However, Seattle did not specify in which cases subjects were charged.

Seattle should promptly review the pending EID cases claimed by the GJB or attributed to them. Thereafter, furnish FBI Headquarters with the following information:

1. [REDACTED]
2. Identify those EID cases in which subjects, including Rita Darlene Brown, have been charged

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Airtel to SAC, Seattle  
RE: George Jackson Brigade;  
EID

3. Identify any cases in which evidence supports identification of subjects as perpetrators of GJB bombing incidents but AUSA has declined prosecution in favor of prosecution in other cases.

Above information may be furnished in a brief, multi-captioned report which should reflect the status of each GJB EID case as well as the addition of subjects' names to the title of those cases where appropriate.

Additionally, those cases in which the United States Attorney's Office has declined prosecution should be placed in a closed status.

**NOTE:**

Review of Seattle Division George Jackson  
Brigade (GJB) EID cases reflects undue delay in  
reporting results of investigation in several cases,  
even though all known GJB members have been in custody  
since March 21, 1978. Seattle being instructed to  
submit brief multi-captioned report reflecting [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] status of prosecution.

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Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (174-1289) (SE CONTROL FILE 91-4769)(P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka George Jackson Brigade (GJB);  
BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK,  
2245 N. E. BELLEVUE-REDMOND ROAD,  
REDMOND, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977  
EID (A).

UNSUB, aka George Jackson Brigade;  
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK,  
815 116TH AVENUE N. E.,  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977  
EID (B)  
(SE File 174-1289)

UNSUB, aka;  
RITA BROWN;  
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF PUGET POWER AND  
LIGHT COMPANY SUBSTATION, 16TH AND  
CHERRY, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, JULY 4, 1977  
EID (B)  
(SE File 174-1291)

UNSUB;  
ATTEMPTED BOMBING, WESTLUND BUICK COMPANY,  
9600 FIRST N. E., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,  
OCTOBER 6, 1977  
EID (B)  
(SE file 174-1314)

- ② - Director (Encl 5) **ENCLOSURE**  
3 - Seattle (2 - 174-1289)  
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SE 174-1289

UNSUB;  
BOMBING OF S. L. SAVIDGE AUTO DEALERSHIP,  
825 LENORA, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 13, 1977  
EID (A)  
(SE File 174-1318)

b7C { UNSUB; BOMBING OF B.B.C. DODGE CO.  
14650 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH,  
BURIEN, WASHINGTON,  
OCTOBER 15, 1977  
EID (A)  
(SE File 174-1319)

UNSUB, aka;  
RITA BROWN:  
BOMBING OF PHIL SMART MERCEDES-BENZ,  
10515 MAIN STREET, BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON,  
NOVEMBER 1, 1977.  
EID (A)  
(SE File 174-1321)

Re Seattle teletype to Bureau dated 5/25/78.

Enclosed for the Identification Division, Latent  
Fingerprint Section, are the following latent fingerprints:

<u>File ID. Number</u>	<u>Number of Lifts</u>	<u>Source</u>
SE 91-5363-1A-8	Three	1967 Chevrolet, Washington License BRL 324.
SE 91-4769-1A-67	Three	1970 Dodge Dart, Washington License OUC 635.
SE 91-4769-1A-238	Five	Kitchen at 3601 E. Grandview, Tacoma, Washington, 3/23/78.
SE 91-4769-1A-242	Three	12 gauge shotgun (sawed off) from 3601 E. Grandview, Tacoma, Washington, 3/23/78.
SE 91-4769-1A-257	Two	1960 Oldsmobile, Washington License BDL110.

SE 174-1289.

Captioned bombing matters and four armed bank robberies have been claimed by the George Jackson Brigade in the State of Washington. Numerous latent examinations have already been completed by the Latent Fingerprint Section regarding members of the George Jackson Brigade (GJB).

The trial date for three members of the GJB has been set for June 19, 1978. The three include JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, THERESE ANN COUPEZ and JANINE DARCY BERTRAM.

On May 24, 1978, AUSA JERALD E. OLSON, Seattle, requested that additional latent fingerprint examinations be conducted as expeditiously as possible due to the trial date of 6/19/78. OLSON requested that, if possible, these examinations be completed by June 9, 1978.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Identification Division is requested to compare all enclosures with previously submitted fingerprints of JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, THERESE ANN COUPEZ, aka Sally Thompson, and JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, aka Jory Uhuru.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 174-1319 (P)  
FBI FILE NO. 174-7843  
LATENT CASE NO. B-58737

June 7, 1978

TO: SAC, Seattle

RE: UNSUB. AKA  
GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE;  
BOMBING OF B. B. C. DODGE COMPANY  
14650 - 1ST AVENUE SOUTH  
BURIEN, WASHINGTON  
OCTOBER 15, 1977  
EID

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222,492

REFERENCE: Airtel 3/13/78  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Seattle  
SPECIMENS:

Top of glass jug, wires, and tape, Q60  
Clock, battery and wires, Q61  
Clock, battery and wires, Q62  
Numerous other miscellaneous items, Q63  
through Q71 and Q73 through Q78

No latent prints of value were present  
or developed on the specimens.

The disposition of the specimens will  
be given in a separate Laboratory report.

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To: SAC, Seattle (174-1319) (P)

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LAB. NO.

80317010 S RW RX TD

YOUR NO.

55232  
LC#B-59561

Examination by:

UNSUB; aka GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE  
BOMBING OF B.B.C. DODGE COMPANY.

Re: 14650 - 1st AVENUE SOUTH,  
BURIEN, WASHINGTON  
OCTOBER 15, 1977  
EID (A)

OO: Seattle

Examination requested by:

Seattle

Noted By:

Reference:

Airtel dated March 13, 1978

Examination requested:

Explosives - Instrumental Analyses - Chemical Analyses  
Microscopic Analyses Fingerprint

Specimens received:

March 13, 1978

Q60-71 73-78 return  
+ return to L.A.S.  
6-6-78

Q60 Top of glass jug, wires, and tape (1)

Q61 Clock, battery, and wires (2)

Q62 Clock, battery and wires (16)

Q63 End cap (3)

Q64 End cap (13)

Q65 End cap (15)

Q60-71 + 73-78 return  
to Lab for digts  
6-6-78

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(no lat spans Q70)

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Specimens previously shown + proc B+G powder

Q61 to photo [redacted] lat fit dev on Q61 of no value  
paper debris on Q70 [redacted] no lat fit dev. [redacted]

No lat file of value present on dev.

dispo. of specimens by Lab.

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Q66 End cap (19)  
Q67 Metal fragment (4)  
Q68 Charred debris (5)  
Q69 Clock, battery, and wires (6)  
Q70 Tape and debris (7)  
Q71 Metal fragment (8)  
- Q72 Plastic bottle of liquid (9)  
- Q73 "Yuban" can of debris (10)  
Q74 Tape and debris (11)  
Q75 Top of glass jug, and tape (12)  
Q76 "S & W" can of debris (14)  
Q77 Top of glass jug, wires and tape (17)  
Q78 Metal fragment (18)

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ATTENTION EXPLOSIVE UNIT, FBI LABORATORY

UNSUB, AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB); BOMBING OF RAINIER

NATIONAL BANK, 2245 N.E. BELLEVUE-REDMOND ROAD, REDMOND, WASHINGTON,

MAY 12, 1977. EID (4). UNSUB, AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE;

ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, 815 - 116TH AVENUE

N.E., BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977. EID (3). SE 174-1209.

UNSUB, AKA; RITA BROWN; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF PUGET POWER AND

LIGHT COMPANY SUBSTATION, 16TH AND CHERRY, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,

JULY 4, 1977. EID (3). SE 174-1291.

UNSUB; ATTEMPTED BOMBING, WESTLUND BUICK COMPANY, 9600 FIRST

N.E., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 6, 1977. EID (3). SE 174-1314.

UNSUB; BOMBING OF S. L. SAVIDGE AUTO DEALERSHIP, 825 LENORA

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 13, 1977. EID (A). SE 174-1313.

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UNSUB; BOMBING OF B.B.C. DODGE CO., 14650 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH,  
RURIEN, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 15, 1977, EID (A). SF 174-1319.  
UNSUB, AKA; RITA BROWN; BOMBING OF PHIL SMART MERCEDES-BENZ,  
10515 MAIN STREET, BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 1, 1977.  
EID (A). SF 174-1321.

67C- OF SEATTLE TELEPHONE CALL TO SA [REDACTED] EXPLOSIVE  
UNIT, FBI LABORATORY, MAY 25, 1978.

CAPTIONED BOMBING MATTERS HAVE ALL BEEN CLAIMED BY THE  
GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB) AND ALL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE HAS  
BEEN SENT TO THE FBI LABORATORY.

THE TRIAL DATE FOR THREE MEMBERS OF THE GJB HAS BEEN  
SET FOR JUNE 19, 1978. THE THREE GJB MEMBERS INCLUDE JOHN  
WILLIAM SHERMAN, THERESE ANN COUPEZ AND JANINE DARCY BERTRAM.

ON MAY 24, 1978, AUSA JERALD E. OLSON, SEATTLE, REQUESTED  
THAT THE FOLLOWING LABORATORY ANALYSIS ON THE IMPROVISED  
EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IEDS) BE DONE: THE LABORATORY ANALYSIS  
REPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING BOMBING MATTERS: SF 174-1314,  
SF 174-1319, SF 174-1321; ALSO EACH IED SHOULD BE COMPARED  
AS TO ITS INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH THE OTHER IEDS, I.E.,  
SIMILARITIES IN CONSTRUCTION, EXPLOSIVE POWDER, ELECTRICAL



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CIRCUIT, WIRE, ETC. AUSA OLSON FURTHER ADVISED THAT A QUALIFIED LABORATORY EXPERT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY TO THE IDENTIFICATION SIMILARITIES.

AUSA OLSON FURTHER REQUESTED THAT THE LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION COMPARE THE ONE LATENT FOUND IN SEATTLE FILE 174-1314, "ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF WESTLUND BUICK CO.", ON THE IDENTIFICATION WITH THE KNOWN FINGERPRINTS OF THERESE ANN COUPEZ AND JANINE DARCY BERTPAM (LATENT CASE NUMBER B-58737).

SEATTLE NOTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE EXPLOSIVE UNIT: ON NOVEMBER 5, 1977, THE SEATTLE DIVISION SEARCHED A GJB HOUSE AT 13746 ROOSEVELT WAY NORTH, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AND DISCOVERED A CAN OF WINCHESTER-WESTERN, 540 BALL POWDER, SMOKELESS POWDER AND DURING THE LAST GJB BOMBING IN SEATTLE CASE ENTITLED "UNSUB, AKA GJB, BOMBING OF RAILROAD CAR CONTAINING 1978 MERCURY ZEPHYR AUTOMOBILES, KENT, WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 24, 1977", SEFILE 174-1332, A CAN OF DUPONT IMP-4320, SMOKELESS POWDER, WAS FOUND AT THE CRIME SCENE. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OF VALUE IN COMPARISONS OF EXPLOSIVE POWDERS FOR CAPTIONED CASES. FURTHERMORE, CLEAR COPPER/SILVER STEREO-TYPE WIRE HAS BEEN LOCATED AT THE SEARCHES OF TWO GJB RESIDENCES.

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DURING THE SEARCH OF THE RESIDENCE AT 13746 ROOSEVELT WAY NORTH, SEATTLE, PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, AN IED DEVICE WAS LOCATED. THIS DEVICE DID NOT CONTAIN AN EXPLOSIVE FILLER AT THAT TIME. THIS DEVICE WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPARATE COVER TO THE EXPLOSIVE UNIT FOR COMPARISON WITH THE CAPTIONED IEDS.

AUSA OLSON ADVISED THAT EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING IS NEEDED REGARDING THIS MATTER DUE TO THE TRIAL DATE OF JUNE 19, AND REQUESTED THAT, IF POSSIBLE, THE ANALYSIS REQUESTED BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 9.

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Laboratory Transmittal Form  
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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Seattle (174-1310)

June 13, 1978

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 174-7843

**UNSUB, aka GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE  
BOMBING OF S.B.C. DODGE COMPANY.**

LAB. NO. 60317010 S RW RX TD  
RU RK

Re: 14650 - 1st AVENUE SOUTH,  
BURIEN, WASHINGTON  
OCTOBER 15, 1977;  
EID (A)

OO: Seattle

Examination requested by: Seattle

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DATE 8-2-82 BY SP10SK/MLC  
222 JRS

Reference: Airtel dated March 13, 1978

Examination requested:

**Explosives - Instrumental Analyses - Chemical Analyses -  
Microscopic Analyses - Fingerprint - Metallurgy**

Remarks:

The tape examinations in this matter were conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] The timing mechanisms were examined by  
SA [REDACTED] Instrumental examinations of the smokeless  
powder were conducted by SA [REDACTED] Examination of the  
Q72 liquid was conducted by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]  
conducted all the remaining examinations set forth in this report.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report) EX-115

1. MR. [REDACTED]  
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REPORT  
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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Seattle (174-1319)

June 13, 1978

FBI FILE NO. 174-7843

Re: UNSUB, aka GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE  
BOMBING OF B.B.C. DODGE COMPANY,  
14650 - 1st AVENUE SOUTH,  
BURIEN, WASHINGTON  
OCTOBER 15, 1977;  
EID (A)

LAB. NO. 60317010 S RW RX TD  
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Specimens received

March 17, 1978

Q60	Top of glass jug, wires, and tape (1)
Q61	Clock, battery, and wires (2)
Q62	Clock, battery and wires (16)
Q63	End cap (3)
Q64	End cap (13)
Q65	End cap (15)
Q66	End cap (19)
Q67	Metal fragment (4)
Q68	Charred debris (5)
Q69	Clock, battery, and wires (6)
Q70	Tape and debris (7)
Q71	Metal fragment (8)

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- Q72      Liquid sample (9)
- Q73      Debris (10)
- Q74      Tape and debris (11)
- Q75      Top of glass jug, and tape (12)
- Q76      Debris (14)
- Q77      Top of glass jug, wires and tape (17)
- Q78      Metal fragment (18)

**Result of examination:**

According to information furnished by your office Q60 through Q78 represent the remains of three incendiary/pipe bombs consisting of one gallon jugs filled with a flammable liquid, possibly gasoline and acid, with a pipe bomb taped to the jugs. Further, you advise the firing system of the pipe bombs included 9-volts batteries and alarm clocks and that two of the devices were placed on the hood of a vehicle and the third device was placed on a vehicle trunk.

The individual components of the incendiary/pipe bomb devices are described in detail hereafter:

**PIPE COMPONENTS**

Present in each Q63, Q64, Q65, and Q66 is a galvanized metal pipe end cap. A portion of the threaded section of a pipe nipple is present in each cap, and the end portion of the Q63, Q64, and Q66 caps is missing. The Q63 and Q64 caps are 1" pipe size and the Q65 and Q66 caps are 3/4" pipe size.

The threaded sections of pipe broken off inside each pipe cap appear to be the same pipe size as the respective cap. Present in each Q67, Q71 and Q78 is the damaged remains of a galvanized metal pipe nipple. Also present in Q67 is an apparent galvanized metal pipe cap fragment. The Q77 and Q78 pipe nipples are 3/4" standard weight pipe size pipe nipples. The Q67 pipe nipple appears to represent a pipe size approximately midway between a 3/4" and 1" pipe size.

What appears to be the "gound" emblem is present in the Q63 and Q65 caps. The "plum" emblem is present on the Q64 cap. The indented fraction "3/4" is also present on the Q65 cap. According to information available to the Laboratory the "gound" emblem is used by Hitachi Metals of Tokyo, Japan, and New York City, New York. The "plum" emblem is used by the San Yang Metal Industrial Co. Ltd., Taiwan, and distributed in the United States only by Maurie Graysen Co., Los Angeles, California. The fraction "3/4" is indicative of the pipe size.

#### MAIN CHARGE

Partially consumed particles of "tubular" type smokeless powder were observed on Q63, Q64, Q65 and Q66 pipe caps and Q71 pipe nipple. The brand(s) and manufacturer(s) of the smokeless powder could not be determined.

#### GLASS JUGS

The top portion of a glass jug made to accommodate a screw-on cap is present in each Q60, Q75, and Q77. A handle is evident on the top portions of the two jugs represented in Q60 and Q77.

A screw-on metal cap is attached to the jug fragments in each Q75 and Q77. The following information is stamped on the inside plasticlike surface of the Q75 metal cap:

"M090178"

The following information is similarly stamped on the Q77 metal cap:

"M 0 0 7 A"

The approximate inside diameter of the metal caps is 1 1/4" and the approximate outside diameter is 1 5/8".

Additional glass fragments are present in Q68, Q70, Q73, Q74, and Q76. Fragments, which appear to be from the bottom portion(s) of the jug(s) in Q73 and Q76 bear the following raised characters:

"B-35"

"34"

"E-3534"

Paper label fragments were adhering to some of the other glass fragments in the above specimens; however, the probable source and contents of the container(s) represented by these fragments could not be established by the Laboratory.

#### LIQUID

Specimen Q72 contains Sulfuric acid.

#### TIMING MECHANISMS

Specimens Q61, Q62 and Q69 contain components of "Travino" series spring-driven travel alarm clocks manufactured by General Time in Taiwan and marketed by Westlox, Division of General Time, LaSalle, Illinois. The clocks in specimens Q61 and Q62 are the "Travino" series model 44240. The particular model of "Travino" series travel alarm in specimen Q69 could not be ascertained inasmuch as the only variation in models within the "Travino" series is the color of case, which is not present in the specimen. The particular models utilize luminous hands and hour dots.

Modifications made to each of the travel alarm clocks would have resulted in a maximum delay of less than 60 minutes.

#### BATTERIES

An Eveready, 9-volts, no. 522, "alkaline powercell" battery is present in Q61, Q62, and Q69. The code "CR 1" is present on the bottom of the Q61 and Q62 batteries. The same code appears to be present on the Q69 battery; however, the damaged condition of the Q69 battery precludes positively determining the code. The outer metal cases of the Q61 and Q62 batteries are gold, red, white, and black.

#### BATTERY CONNECTORS

Snap-type battery connectors are attached to the Q61, Q62, and Q69 batteries. The vinyllike battery covers and lead wires appear to have been removed prior to use in the IEDS. The vinyllike covers appear to have been grey in color on the Q61 and Q62 battery connectors. The damaged condition of the Q69 battery connector precludes determining the color of the possible cover.

#### WIRE

Pieces of single conductor stranded tinned-copper wire with red plasticlike insulation are present in Q60, Q61, Q62, Q69, and Q77. The approximate diameter of the wire including the insulation is 0.071".

Pieces of single conductor stranded copper wire with white plasticlike insulation is present in Q61 and Q62. The approximate diameter of the wire including insulation is 0.109". The following printed information is present on the Q61 piece of wire:

"CAROL 18 AWG 600V  
TULI MTW OR AWM ----"

#### TAPE

Pieces of black, 3/4" wide, electrical tape are contained on specimens Q60 through Q63, Q69, Q71 and Q77. Specimens Q60, Q68, Q70 and Q73 through Q77 contain pieces of 2" wide gray duct tape. A 1" wide piece of beige masking tape was contained in specimen Q61. The electrical tape, the duct tape, and the masking tape are suitable for comparison purposes should rolls of similar suspect tape become available.

No tape was contained on specimens Q64 through Q67 and Q78.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The glue and solder used in the construction of the IED and present in Q61, Q62, and Q69 are suitable for comparison purposes in the event suspect glue and solder is located.

#### TOOLMARKS

Impressions typical of those produced by the gripping jaws of some pipe threading machine having four gripping jaws are present in Q67. The jaw width represented is 2". Toolmarks of value for identification purposes are present in one of the impressions.

No other toolmarks of value for identification purposes were observed in the submitted specimens.



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